



DEVIN AUMEND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Guidelines
2025 External

Scholarship Background

The scholarship was created by Devin's Mother, Denise Aumend. Despite her physical disability, Devin was always involved in her community through activities including 4-H, Girl Scouts, and church youth activities. Throughout her life, Devin overcame many challenges and obstacles due to her physical disability. This led her to become an independent and determined young lady, maintaining excellent grades throughout school, and earning the title of Valedictorian of her Highland High School class of 2003. Devin completed her Bachelor's Degree with honors, and her Master's degree with honors. The Devin Aumend Memorial Scholarship is her mother's way of honoring Devin for many years to come.

Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates must be graduating seniors of Highland Local Schools in Sparta, Ohio, or past recipients; although other Morrow County school applicants will not be excluded if the candidate has the right qualifications.
- Candidates must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.
- Candidates must be pursuing a four-year degree, full-time.
- Candidates must be U.S. Citizens

Selection Criteria

- 30% Financial Need
- 30% Demonstrated Qualities that Align with Devin's Personality, including overcoming challenges and obstacles, character, determination, work ethic, and community service
- 20% Academic Achievement
- 20% Community Engagement and Commitment

Selection Committee

- Denise Aumend, or representative
- Principal, Highland High School
- Staff Member, Highland High School, designated by Principal
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- School Counselor, Highland High School

Award Amount

A pool of \$10,000 per year.

Renewal Criteria

The scholarship is not renewable, but recipients are encouraged to reapply.

Payment Instructions

All awards are paid directly to the educational institution.
The scholarship may be used for tuition and books.

Application Requirements

- Essay
- Resume
- Transcripts
- FAFSA Submission Summary
- Two Letters of Recommendation

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- Note: interview may be requested. Check if a past recipient has applied and include their previous application with the new application.

Scholarship Availability

The scholarship is available at any accredited four-year college or university in the U.S.; the recipient must attend full-time.

Deadline

3/1/2025

Application and Award Process

- The Columbus Foundation sends notification of the scholarship's availability to eligible schools.
- Candidates complete the online application by the deadline.
- After the deadline, The Columbus Foundation reviews complete applications for eligibility.
- The Foundation sets up the selection committee meeting (Zoom call).
- After the meeting, the Foundation sends award emails to recipients that explain the payment request process and include the proof of enrollment form.
- Once proof of enrollment has been submitted and approved by the Foundation, a check will be sent to the recipient's educational institution.

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Other Notes

Candidates do not need to have any kind of disability to be eligible.

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